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H. R. 769

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to limit the penalty for late enrollment under the medicare program to 10 percent and twice the period of no enrollment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 3, 1993

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce

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A BILL

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to limit the penalty for late enrollment under the medicare program to 10 percent and twice the period of no enrollment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. LIMITING MEDICARE LATE ENROLLMENT PENALTY TO 10 PERCENT AND TWICE THE PERIOD OF NO ENROLLMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of section 1839(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395r(b)) is amended by striking "10 percent of the monthly pre-

mium so determined for each full 12 months" and inserting "10 percent of the monthly premium so determined for premiums paid during a period equal to twice the number of months in each of the full periods of 12 months".

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section 1818(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i–2(c)) is amended—

(A) by striking paragraph (6); and

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (7) through (9) as paragraphs (6) through (8), respectively.

(2) Section 1818(g)(2)(B) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i–2(g)(2)(B)) is amended by striking "by substituting" and all that follows and inserting the following: "by substituting 'section 1818 (without any increase resulting from the application of section 1839(b) to such section)' for 'section 1839 (without any increase under subsection (b) thereof)'.".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—(1) The amendments made by this section shall apply to premiums paid for months beginning after the end of the 90-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) In applying these amendments, months (before, during, or after the month in which this Act is enacted) in which an individual was or is required to pay an increased premium shall be taken into account in determin-

ing the month in which the premium will no longer be subject to an increase.

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